

District Judge Marsha J. Pechman

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

ALI AKBAR MEFTAH,

Plaintiff,

v.

ERIC GAUDIOSI, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-00790-MJP

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD  
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND  
~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER

Noted for Consideration:  
August 7, 2024

Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to stay these proceedings through October 11, 2024. Plaintiff brings this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel Defendants to readjudicate Plaintiff's son's immigrant visa application. Defendants' response to the Complaint is currently due on August 12, 2024. For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold this case in abeyance through October 11, 2024.

Courts have "broad discretion" to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). "[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 1.

With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial intervention. Plaintiff’s son’s visa application is currently refused under INA § 221(g), 8 U.S.C.1201(g) for administrative processing. Additional time is needed to allow for the discretionary processing to be completed, which may lead to re-adjudication.

Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the instant action be stayed until October 11, 2024. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before October 11, 2024.

DATED this 7th day of August, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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***I certify that this memorandum contains 241 words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.***

~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

The case is held in abeyance until October 11, 2024. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before October 11, 2024. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 8th day of August, 2024.



MARSHA J. PECHMAN  
United States Senior District Judge